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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM: ABDUL-HAMID

SAIF IL-HADDI AND ABDULLAH HUSSEIN BARAKAT

REF: STATE 038830, STATE 031735

1. IL-HADDI HAS AGREED TO THIRTY DAY TRIP AND HAS REQUESTED VISIT FOLLOWING STATES: COLORADO, CALIFORNIA, TEXAS, ARIZONA, NEW YORK, FLORIDA AND ALSO NIAGRA FALLS AND LAS VEGAS. HAVE ADVISED HIM MAXIMUM EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO INCLUDE AS MANY AS POSSIBLE BUT LIST LONG. BARAKAT HAS REQUESTED FULL MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

2. WHENEVER POSSIBLE AMEMBASSY SANA TRIES TO ROUTE TRAVELERS THROUGH DAMASCUS ON THE ONCE-A-WEEK SYRIAN AIRLINES FLIGHT BECAUSE OF THE UNRELIABILITY OF BOTH AEROFLOT AND YEMEN AIRLINES WHICH ARE THE ONLY DIRECT LINK WITH CAIRO. SECOND REFTEL AUTHORIZES THIS ROUTING. THUS, IN THE CASE OF IL-HADDI, WE HAVE SCHEDULED HIM TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON A MONDAY NIGHT WITH HIS FIRST PROGRAMMING DAY ON TUESDAY. BARAKAT HAS ELECTED TO GO VIA CAIRO AND TAKE CHANCES ON YEMEN AIRLINES.

3. SCHEDULE FOR IL-HADDI:

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, SANA-DAMASCUS RB 384 0600-0945

DAMASCUS-MUNICH RB 1100-1345

OVERNIGHT

MONBJY, APRIL 12, MUNICH-WASHINGTON PA 73 1125-1840

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4. SCHEDULE FOR BARAKAT:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, SANA/CAIRO, IY 714 0300-0615

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, FREE DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 1, CAIRO-ROME 0815-1215

OVERNIGHT

SUNDAY, MAY 2, ROME-WASHINGTON TW 891 0850-1440

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5. KINDLY RECOMMEND HOTELS IN MUNICH AND ROME. WILL GREATLY APPRECIATE IT IF YOU GIVE US A LIST OF THREE REASONABLE HOTELS FOR EACH CITY. WE WILL IN FUTURE RECOMMEND THESE TO AIRLINES OFFICIALS HERE WHO ARE NOT FAMILIAR EUROPEAN HOTELS.
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